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## Center for Scientific Review

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The Center for Scientific Review (CSR), formerly the Division of Research Grants, is the central receipt point for approximately 40,000 grant applications submitted to the Public Health Service each year. The Center provides the review for scientific and technical merit for most of the applications submitted to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This review is accomplished through more than 140 study sections clustered by scientific area into approximately 20 inte-

grated review groups. Review meetings of research scientists from outside the NIH are convened by scientific review administrators of CSR to provide expertise in biomedical and behavioral research. These experts conduct rigorous and equitable review of the merit of applications for support for research and research training. In addition, CSR continues to cooperate actively with organizations in other countries that have an interest in identifying and supporting high-quality, health-related research.

### **SUMMARY OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

In fiscal year 1999, CSR hosted two delegations of scientists from China representing engineering and physical and health sciences and many international visitors who came to study the referral and peer review procedures and recent innovations that have been introduced to improve, expedite, and streamline the processes. These visitors were from Germany, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, and Uzbekistan.

